

TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE TOWN BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 2006

TOWN COUNCIL October 10 To Be Announced

PLANNING COMMISSION October 19 Roberts

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NO MEETING

WABA October 5 Bromberg

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An Important Message about Beaux Arts Village Traffic:

- We are street people -- children playing in the streets and neighbors walking and visiting in the streets. We all need to work together to make the streets safer.
- Our speed limit is 10 mph on all streets with the exception of 104th/105th Ave. S.E. where the limit is 20 mph. Yes, 10 mph feels really slow and it takes some adjusting to get used to it. It is a common practice in the Village for a neighbor to ask a person driving too fast to slow down. If someone asks you to slow down, you probably are speeding and need to slow down. If you are asked two times to slow down, it should be a big wake-up call.
- We have teenage drivers. The majority of our speeding drivers are not teenagers, but 10 mph does feel like slow motion for some teenagers. Please set a good example for your teenager and your teenage neighbor by driving the speed limit. If you are a parent of a teenage driver, welcome feedback from neighbors about the teenager's driving both good and bad.
- Stopping at all stop signs is required even if you think a sign is placed in an odd or unnecessary location.

- Visibility is important! Please trim your hedges, bushes, trees etc. back from the road to improve visibility and give people a place to step off the road when cars are passing.
- We have speeding problems in the Village, and we are experiencing increased "cut through" traffic on 104th/105th Ave. S.E. We are looking at speed-reducing measures, including tickets. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Council Business: Here are some highlights from the September 12th Council meeting:

- The Council reviewed the proposed contract for district court services with a representative of the King County District Court office. Before executing this contract, your Council has some important questions about costs and contract termination that County staff will address.
- The Council held a public hearing to discuss possible changes to the zoning code that the Planning Commission has recommended. These changes would allow eaves and chimneys no longer that 25% of the length of the building façade to intrude up to 18 inches into the setbacks. After a lengthy discussion, the Council remanded the issue back to the Planning Commission for further study.
- The Council decided to install a new speed hump on SE 28th Street between 5 Corners and 105th Ave SE halfway between the two existing speed humps on that street.
- The Council confirmed the appointment of Walter Scott as Town Marshal and Scott Harpster as Deputy Marshal. One of their first tasks will be to determine how to address speeding within the Town.
- The Council heard a first call for 2007 budget items. The first public hearing on the 2007 Preliminary Budget will be held at the October Council meeting.

Fall Town Clean-Up November 4, 2006:

Please mark you calendars for this fall's Town Clean-Up: <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 4</u>, <u>from 9AM to noon</u>. Your participation, by either working on the Town property adjacent to your property or by helping with a neighborhood project, would be very much appreciated. In late October you will receive a call from your Block Captain who will remind you of the details, and may ask for help on a few tasks. If you have questions, or do not receive a call, please contact Robin Stefan, 453-1133. **See attached flyer for more information**.

BEAUX ARTS EAGLES: EAGLE NEST RULES

The Town has two confirmed bald-eagle nests located within our boundaries. Bald-eagle habitat is protected under Washington State's Bald Eagle Protection Rules. A bald-eagle management plan is required for tree-cutting within 800 feet of an eagle nest. To obtain a Bald Eagle Management Plan, contact Julie Stofel at Washington

Department of Fish and Wildlife (<u>eagle4@dfw.wa.gov</u>). For more information on Bald Eagle Management Plans from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and to view a map depicting the nest locations overlaid with 400- and 800-foot circles, visit the Town's website, <u>www.beauxarts-wa.gov/</u>Frequently Asked Questions.

WABA NEWS:

2007 Budget: WABA will soon be preparing the 2007 budget; member input is welcome. Please submit written comments to Treasurer Gerri Armbruster, 10305 SE 27th, GMSA@comcast.net.

WABA Commons Planning

The WABA Commons Planning Committee continues progress toward a "vision" and a Management Plan for the Woodlands. The most recent step was a preliminary inventory of the trees in the Commons prepared by an arbor consultant. The inventory is divided into eight zones, and includes her rating of the health of each significant tree. If you have questions about this inventory, contact Sheila Justus, Chair of the Management Sub-committee. As stated previously, contact Jeff Leffingwell, (jeff_leffingwell@msn.com), for copies of approved minutes of the Committee meetings.

The Management subcommittee has recommended that the Board go ahead with the removal of some of the unhealthy trees in the inventory. The nine trees to be removed will be marked. Please direct any questions you may have regarding this phase of the project to Sheila Justus.

New Villagers

We would like to extend a warm welcome more folks who are new to the Village this summer:

Brian Weymouth has purchased the Hill house at 10401 SE 27th.

Ron and Dianne Lund and son Max have purchased the Saltonstall house at 2808 107th. Nigel and Carol Bond and sons Matthew, Andrew, Daniel and William are renting the Fulton house at 2811 106th Pl.

Ned and Vicki Stack and daughter Madeline and son Taylor have purchased the Fullerton house at 10609 SE 29th.

Alex and Nancy Burlingame and daughters Olivia and Ella have purchased the Grubb-Schwetz house at 10528 SE 29th.

Matthew and Melanie Sharpe and children Max, Anna and Jillian have purchased the Murray house at 10516 SE 28th.

WELCOME ONE AND ALL!

And Welcome to the newest two additions on SE 27th......Dylan Foster Chihak born July 7, and Alexander Mark Elston, born September 21. Congratulations!

Slips Available: 40' slip, two C-15 spaces. Call David Dempster for more information.

Halloween Party Host Needed:

Last Year's Halloween party was graciously hosted by the Elstons; this year we would like to celebrate with young trick or treaters on Saturday afternoon (October 28) if a host home can be found. We'd like to play some games, and share stories and costumes. Please call Julia (451-2515/juliamorse@comcast.net) or Angela (455-5857) if you'd like to help or host. It has also been a village tradition to have a post trick-or-treat candy exchange for older kids. Let Julia or Angela know if you'd like to participate. Thanks!

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens if you need to speak to someone about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns. You can reach her by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth** if you need information, applications, or other assistance with **permits**, **variances**, **or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment**. She can be reached by email at bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 453-0235, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Town Marshal Kyle Branum** at (425) 456-0411 or **Blockwatch Coordinator Sylvia Hobbs** at (425) 454-3732 to report Blockwatch concerns.